

REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and the indication that the application is in a condition for allowance.

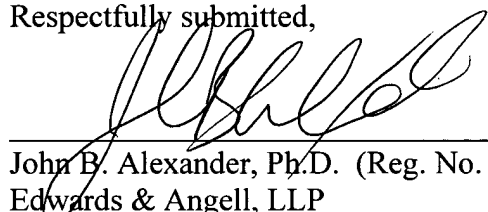
Claim 1 has been amended at line 2 to capitalize an amino acid residue. Specifically "met⁴" has been replaced with --Met⁴--.

The scope of the claims has not been altered by the instant amendment and no new matter has been introduced into the application.

Although it is not believed that any additional fees are needed to consider this submission, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,



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